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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed January 11, 2006, consider the following remarks. February 11, 2006 fell on a Saturday; no additional fees are due.

The undersigned representative of Appellants called Examiner Qazi on February 13, 2006 to confirm that the alleged non-compliance was sent in error. Examiner Qazi affirmed that the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed January 11, 2006 was sent in error and can be disregarded; the Appeal Brief faxed October 6, 2005 is complete and in proper form.

Respectfully submitted,

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